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Kim's Tip: Topping Off at the Gas Pump



Gas prices are consistently fluctuating. And, it seems like you have to go back to the gas station more often, making the urge to top off at the pump tempting. It may seem like you're just rounding off to the nearest dollar but it is actually not good for your tank.

Overfilling your gas tank beyond capacity actually forces more gas vapors out into the atmosphere as pollutants and can overload your car vapor collection system. The nozzle at the pump automatically shuts off when your tank is full, so the last few drops that you try to top it off with could remain in the fuel hose. Once the nozzle is hung up, it drains right back in the station's gas reservoir.

You may have put \$20 on pump number 5 but the nozzle stops at \$19.63. As tempting as it seems to over-top, it's best to close the gas tank and hang up the pump to avoid losing gas and money.